

THE CITY OF COSTA MESA
MEETING OF THE PARKS, ARTS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
January 28, 2021; 4:00 P.M.

1. **Call to Order:** The Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Erickson at 4:02p.m. on January 28, 2021 via Zoom call.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Kelli Frager
3. **Roll Call**

Present: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Absent: Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy

Staff Present: Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director; Jennifer Rosales, Transportation Manager; Robert Ryan, Acting Maintenance Superintendent; Brenda Green, City Clerk; Sylvia Chalmers, Executive Secretary

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the October 22, 2020 Meeting of the PACS Commission**

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Erickson moves to approve the minutes/Seconded by Commissioner Ashendorf. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Frager, Commissioner Rutherford

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner DeCicco, Commissioner Fahy

Motion Carried: 5-0 with 2 commissioners absent

5. **Public Comments**

1. John Dobrott – declined to speak, since it was a matter on the agenda.

Chair Erickson closed Public Comments.

6. **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Ashendorf - Happy to be back and working. Wants to thank Senior Center staff for coordinating a wealth of partnerships to secure meals for the last quarter and several thousand phone calls to the Senior members. Thanked Chair Erickson and wife Michelle for coordinating cards for Seniors with the PTA at Victoria Elementary School. Is looking forward to Perez Park's opening.

Commissioner Frager - The Segerstrom Center has musical theater classes running soon and registration for these classes begin February 9th for a 5 class virtual series ages 9-18. Have been holding dance and fitness down in the plaza. Pacific Chorale has been running their program for their elementary school aged children through March. Pacific Symphony elementary school program will be up and running soon. Thanked the City and said her Goodbyes.

Vice Chair McNabb - Thanked Ms. Frager for her dedication to the City. Thanked City staff for the successful blood drive at the Senior Center. Very excited for Perez Parks opening. We should soon see the Orange County Fairgrounds be a vaccination site. Looking forward to that service be available. Would like to see yoga at our parks, there's been a lot of interest for this to occur at our parks.

Commissioner Rutherford - Mentioned that it has been huge honor to work with the commission and very grateful for the opportunity. Thanked City staff on the efforts to the community during this pandemic. Advocated strong support to any negotiations with sports organizations because the community wants it available.

Chair Erickson - Requested staff look into Fairview Park gate closure, went running two nights ago and saw it open at 7:15pm. Also wants to see a bike rack at the park, since this is a heavily-used bike park. Hoping we can continue to develop the enforcement with Talbert Park. Wants to know about the joint use agreement with field and campus usage.

7. Consent Calendar - No items

8. Old Business - No items

9. New Business

a) Tree Removal Request - 1777 Bahama Place

Mr. Robert Ryan, Acting Maintenance Superintendent presented.

Comments:

Alyssa Dobrott (Public) - Concerned about how invasive the tree is to the property and wants to replace the tree with a less invasive root system.

John Dobrott (Public) - seconded what Alyssa spoke about.

Chair Erickson asked if any root trimming has happened to help mitigate the risk for the property.

Mr. Ryan said not at this time due to the way the tree stands.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked if the synthetic turf something the home owner did or the City?

Mr. Ryan said it was the homeowner.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked when was the last trimming for the tree was.

Mr. Ryan said the typical "trimming cycle" is somewhere between 3-5 years, so anytime between now and 2023.

Chair Erickson mentioned that a potential option for the homeowner could be a category III tree removal where the homeowner replaces the tree in a 3:1 ratio, so will not approve the motion.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Rutherford moved to approve Staff recommendations and seconded by Commissioner Ashendorf. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Rutherford
Nays: Chair Erickson, Commissioner Frager
Absent: Commissioner Diccico, Commissioner Fahy
Motion Carried: 3-2 with 2 Commissioners absent

b) Tree Removal Request - 877 Sonora Road

Mr. Robert Ryan, Acting Maintenance Superintendent presented.

Comments:

Manfred Freeberger (Public) - It's not so much the leaves, it's on a permanent basis and he's 68 and retired and tired of having to constantly cleaning.

Vice Chair McNabb asked if a pruning can get scheduled.

Mr. Ryan anticipates within the 6-9 months

Mr. Freeberger spoke about a conversation with City Arborist, Jim Ortiz, and mentioned that the tree is not a seasonal drop but a constant drop.

Chair Erickson asked how are the other trees on the block? Do others exhibit this issue?

Mr. Ryan mentioned that no other complaints have been received the area about the trees and that other trees have not exhibited excessive droppings.

Commissioner Rutherford found the request invaluable and is against killing a healthy tree and do not see how a motion can go forward to remove the tree.

Chair Erickson requests staff to have this location be a priority for a tree trimming.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Rutherford moved to approve Staff recommendations and seconded by Vice Chair McNabb. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Rutherford, Commissioner Frager
Nays:
Absent: Commissioner Diccico, Commissioner Fahy
Motion Carried: 5-0 with 2 Commissioners absent

c) Tree Removal Request - 297 Rose Lane

Mr. Robert Ryan, Acting Maintenance Superintendent presented.

Comments:

Matt Lloyd (Public) - Asked for clarification regarding to uplifting of the sidewalk that is adjacent to the planter.

Mr. Ryan explained that the City owned areas does not fall in the area that is uplifting.

Commissioner Ashendorf inquired about the height and power lines. Mr. Ryan addressed that Edison will usually come and trim any trees that may interfere with power lines.

Mr. Loyd rescinded his request after understanding more of the procedures.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Rutherford moved to approve Staff recommendations and seconded by Vice Chair McNabb. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Erickson, Vice Chair McNabb, Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Rutherford, Commissioner Frager

Nays:

Absent: Commissioner Diccico, Commissioner Fahy

Motion Carried: 5-0 with 2 Commissioners absent

10. a.) Park Ranger Report

Comments:

Mr. Ibarra (Public) - Asked about CMMC 4-3 "bike license required". Wanted to know how the community is supposed to know about it and also why are we using this citation if you are not able to apply for a bike license until further notice. No sign in the parks contains this law displayed.

Mr. Minter requested for contact information, so we can find that answer, since the Police Department is not on this call.

Commissioner Rutherford wanted a follow-up to Mr. Ibarra's question, since in the past I have been concerned with citations being issued without knowledge of the code. Educating the public is the first approach before citing.

b.) Parks & Community Services Director's Report

Mr. Minter presented the Parks and Community Services Director's Report. At the conclusion of the presentation, committee member discussion took place. No action was called for, or taken by the committee as presentation was for informational purposes only.

Chair Erickson inquired the Mesa Water District project that will be near President Place at Canyon Park.

Commissioner DeCicco joined the meeting, and inquired about the applications coming in for field-use. Does it have to do with mask requirements. The only thing that was approved was for training purposes, as rules for competitions for certain events
Asked if the City and field users can be informed about field-use

Mr. Minter thanked everyone for their time serving the commission.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Erickson at 5:20 p.m.

**The Next Regular Meeting of the Parks, Arts & Community Services Commission
Is scheduled for February 25, 2021.**

Prepared by Sylvia Chalmers
PACS Commission Secretary

Submitted by Jason Minter
Parks and Community Services Director